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MISSION STATEMENT

"As advisors to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, the mission of the Emergency Medical Care Committee is to be an advocate for the community through the development of strategies for continuous improvement of the emergency medical services system."

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Thursday, June 28, 2007

Members Present

Broyles, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses' Association
Bull, R.N., Pat – American Red Cross
Cerny, Barbara – Third District
Forman, R.N., Kelly – Co. Paramedics Agencies' Comm.
Fried, Bruce – Fifth District
Graham, Dan – S.D. Co. Ambulance Association
Green, R.N., Katy – First District
Haworth, Mike – S.D. Co. Fire Districts' Association
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Second District
Sarro, Lt., Sherri – Law Enforcement Agencies

Vacant

Binational EMCC
Emergency Physicians' Society
League of California Cities
Military Agencies
S.D. Co. Medical Society
S.D. Co. Paramedics' Association

Members Absent

Dotson, R.N., Melody – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Pfohl, Chief Bob – S.D. Co. Fire Chiefs' Association
Schroeder, David – Fourth District
Skoglund, R.N., Patty – Hosp. Assoc. S.D./Imperial Counties

Guests Present

Barnes, R.N., Melanie – S.D. Medical Services Enterprise
Howard, R.N., LuAnn – Scripps La Jolla
Kusman, Travis – American Medical Response
Majerczak, R.N., Karen – Tri-City
Rouse, Mike – Care Ambulance
Ybarra, Marcos – Pacific Ambulance

County Staff Present

Metz, R.N., Marcy

Recorder

Rupp, Merle

I. INTRODUCTION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dan Graham, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

Linda Broyles, R.N., Scripps La Jolla, introduced LuAnn Howard, R.N., who will be Linda's replacement at Scripps La Jolla soon. Ms. Broyles has accepted another position with American Medical Response.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Linda Broyles, R.N., Seconded by Kelly Forman, R.N., to approve the Minutes of April 26, 2007 as submitted. MOTION carried. (One abstention: Bruce Fried, Fifth District)

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

None.

IV. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Prehospital/Hospital

MOTION made by Kelly Forman, R.N., Seconded by Katy Green, R.N., to approve policies P-805, S-836, T-708 and T-711 as submitted. MOTION carried.

V. EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Marcy Metz, R.N.)

The Cardiac System is up and operating well. Preliminary first quarter data shows that 81% of the STEMI patients have a door-to-balloon time of equal or less than equal to 90 minutes. That data will be compiled into a more formal format which can be presented to EMCC if so desired.

The Stroke Task Force oversight group met on June 8, 2007. They're looking at criteria for hospitals to receive stroke patients.

Preliminary results from the Polyheme Study showed no statistical data differences between the placebo and controlled groups in the study. This was from a small sample of approximately 23 patients.

The new protocols go into effect July 1, 2007.

Dr. Haynes is interested in assessing the need for an EMT-II classification in San Diego County. It is a classification that is utilized in Imperial County and in some Northern California areas. This will be discussed at the upcoming EMS Commission meeting. One of the impacts of this classification would be the "sunsetting" of combitube for EMT-I's. Dr. Haynes is very involved in these discussions as a member of the Emergency Medical Director's Association of California (EMDAC).

VI. EMS STAFF REPORT (Marcy Metz, R.N.)

Wilma Wooten, M.D., is the new County Public Health Officer. Carmel Angelo, resigned her position as Public Health Assistant Deputy Director and Interim EMS Chief and accepted the position of Director of Health and Human Services in Mendocino County, California.

Recruitment is continuing for the three Quality Assurance Specialist positions and the County has advertised in the local and state nursing newsletters.

Mr. Fried stated that he would like to call an EMCC Education and Research subcommittee meeting in the near future regarding several different training issues, but primarily to discuss the subcommittee's feeling about having a training agency representative be a member of EMCC.

Vice-Chair Dan Graham added that from a recent meeting of the San Diego County Ambulance Association and a separate conference he attended recently in Denver, many providers are experiencing difficulty with the new EMT candidates coming out of the schools with the lack of knowledge and preparation to work in ambulances.

VII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 26, 2007 at 9:00 a.m., Health Services Complex, Disaster Operations Center, 3851 Rosecrans Street, San Diego.

MOTION made by Kelly Forman, R.N., Seconded by Katy Green, R.N., to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Merle Rupp, Board Secretary,
County EMS